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Thanks

.. AGAIN, to Cass Whalen, and Steve and Michelle Martin, for your organisation on (and in advance of) Calf Club Day, to parents who helped out with animals and indoor exhibits, to judges and sponsors, and to each person who managed to spend a part of this day with us.

.. to the team of parents working on the school hangi ... a great addition to the day.

.. to those dads, granddads and children who entered cakes in our silent auction .. you raised nearly \$700 to be spent now on sandpit toys, educational games etc.

People of the week

.. Yesterday, James and his sister Alice received a ribbon for their pet cat. Given that there was only one ribbon, James promptly decided that his sister should receive the ribbon instead of him. How awesome James!

.. Liam for continuing to write some amazing (and pretty scary) stories.

Term Events

Please pencil the following dates into your calendar (a few are tentative). We will advise of further dates as these come to hand.

27 October	Labour Day holiday
4-7 November	Year 4 camp at Marsden Bay
5 November	Year 5 to 8 Zone Athletics at Poroti School
6 November	Central Calf Club Day
12 November	Year 7 and 8 EOTC day ... more to follow
25 November	Year 4 to 6 Interschool Athletics
26 November	Year 7 and 8 EOTC Day at Whangarei Falls
27 November	Whangarei Girls' High School Orientation Day
27 November	Year 8 girls HPV 3 vaccination
2 December	Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics
10 December	Prize Giving (pp 15.12)
11 December	reports issued
16 December	Final school day for 2014
2 February	First day of the 2015 school year.

Term 4 virtue

Our virtue for term 4 is PERSEVERANCE.

You will remember that our focus virtues this year are intended to build enjoyment of learning ... in a nutshell, we enjoy learning (and achieve more) when we persevere.

Please take a look through the support material attached and ...

... discuss how perseverance works for you

... identify some contexts for your child to practise perseverance

... advise us of any shining examples of perseverance

Shortly we will announce some shining examples of last term's

ENTHUSIASM virtue.

Permission forms for Zone Athletics (Poroti school)

... will be sent home very soon. Please return these next week.

Shoeless Day .. Junior School

Thanks to children and parent who supported shoeless day. You have all raised \$165 for poor children in Cambodia. Well done!

International Schools Competitions

We are pleased with the outcome of these competitions. Teachers are currently analysing results and loading these into our Student Management System. We have copied a set of results for parents and these will be sent home on 6 November (a little before or after that for year 4 students because of camp in the intervening week). Participation certificates will be given out at a forthcoming assembly, placement certificates (and cups) will be awarded at prize giving.

Whangarei Boys' High School Testing

Please note that WBHS has made a decision that it will no longer be testing year 8 students to determine Year 9 class placements. It is our understanding that placement will be largely based on interviews with the relevant staff from the contributing school and data provided by the school.

Hangi Fundraiser

An apology to those people who missed out on being able to purchase a hangi meal at Calf Club. It was difficult to know what level of interest there would be with our new venture and to order appropriate amounts of meat and vegetables.

Thanks to the following parents for their awesome efforts with hangi preparation and organisation: Lisa Clements and her Dad, Patrick Tito, Lisa Jones, Toni Pivac, Wiremu Hohaia, Jo & Mat Gunson, Karlene Sampson, Debz Horne, Tara Banks, Toni & Nic Bean, Eileen McNaughton, Deina & Iki Payne, Johanna Tito and the Lawrence family's grandad. A very special thank you to Leroy Lawrence for his leadership, expertise and organisation at short notice.

Year 3 and 4 Camp meeting

30 October 7:00 PM - camp meeting for parent helpers. Any questions in the run up to camp to Miss Gentil please. Please contact Kevin if you would like to personalise arrangements for camp fees .. we know that finances can get a bit stretched at times.

Library Stocktake

Next Wednesday through Friday. If able to help on any of these days please contact Donna.

Library

Due to stocktake, and a new library system, we request return of **ALL** library books on Tuesday please. We apologise for the short notice and thank you, in anticipation, for your assistance with the return of books.

School Cups

2014 prize giving is coming fast. If you have school cups at home please get these to school asap. Thanks

Reminders

- .. we are happy to supervise children (for a brief time) after school if you think you may be late in collecting them from bus drop off points.
- .. brochures on your year 7 and 8 programme are available from the office on request.
- .. there will be no after school labs this term. Thank you to those who have used labs this year.

Sunhats

Quite a number of students still do not seem to have a Matarau School hat. These are compulsory in term 4. Please make sure your child has their sunhat on Tuesday. Hats are available from the office at a cost of \$9.

Year 7 and 8 programme

This week a meeting was held to discuss / answer questions about our year 7 and 8 programme. Thank you to those parents who attended this meeting and to those who have contacted Mr D for information. If you were not able to make this meeting, please note that Mr D is more than happy to send electronic or hard copy material home, or to meet with you personally. Preparation for high school begins in year 7. We are determined that the step from year 8 to year 9 (irrespective of secondary school) is a small step for our students and that they 'hit the ground running' when they get there.

Athletics Club

Kensington Athletic track 5.30pm - 6.30pm Friday nights.

Registration night was Friday 10th October but still keen to hear from other interested parents.

5-6 yr olds \$25 7-13yr olds \$60 14yr olds plus \$75

For more information please contact [Sue Coleman Price](mailto:SueColemanPrice@freeserve.co.uk) freesue.71@gmail.com

2015 Senior School Camp

A reminder that notices regarding this were sent home last term with all current Year 6 & 7 students. A small number of forms are still outstanding. We are sorry to have to ask for these so early, but it really is necessary to book this far in advance. Please address any queries to Mr D or Mrs Donaldson.

Term Headlice Inspection

Is scheduled for next Wednesday. Thank you to those who have offered to help on the day.

Matarau Hockey

Well done to the following "Player of the Day"



Mini Sticks
Josh

Finally

A final thank you again for your contributions to Calf Club Day. No matter how large or small, your involvement in this day is what makes it special. Calf Club Day reminds us that we are a rural school, and that special things happen when people work together and celebrate the achievements of others. Congratulations to those children who received ribbons, certificates and rosettes, and to those who stepped up and helped out. I especially appreciated a comment by a parent, at the end of the day, that they always find this school a friendly and positive place to visit ... may it always be that way. If travelling this long weekend travel safely .. compulsory!

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
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Fund Raising Opportunity

Any farmer who purchases Balance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser on their PGG Wrightson account, between 1 September and 30 November 2014, can earn cash for their local school. This is a good opportunity to raise some money for our school.

Comrie Park Tennis Club AGM

Due to a couple of clashes, the date of the AGM has been changed to the next day - **Tues 4 Nov**, Still at the same time of **7:30** and same place **Comrie Park Kindergarten**.

We apologise for the hassle of this.

Also - here is the Agenda:

President's Report
Treasurer's Report
Kindergarten Report - if any.
School Report - if any
Election of Officers.
Set fee.
AGM Closed.

First Committee meeting with new officers if decided.

Community Notices

Flight Centre Foundation Halberg Surf Day – for physically disabled New Zealanders, Saturday 29th Nov 10.00am-2.00pm Sandy Bay, Tutukaka Coast, Whangarei. To register contact Mala Lewis on 021 995951 or mala@halberg.co.nz by Fri 14th Nov.

Cans Film Festival - Support the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Donate a can of food for a ticket at any participating cinema from 5 Nov for a great night out. A full list of cinemas can be found on watties.co.nz or follow us on facebook.com/WattiesNZ

Fireworks Display – Sat 8th Nov, Okara Park, Whangarei. Gates open 6pm. for more info contact Whangarei Lions Club Ph 4353452

